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Note verbale dated 23 May 2018 from the Permanent Mission of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary General

The Permanent Mission of Kuwait to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General, and has the honour to report that the Republic of Iraq has commenced building a breakwater in the port of Faw. The construction has proceeded to its advanced stages without consultation with Kuwait in accordance with articles 123, 205 and 206 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, despite repeated demands made by Kuwait in that connection. The Republic of Iraq must supply Kuwait with an assessment of the environmental impact evaluating the potential effects of construction at the port and the breakwater on the marine environment and the geomorphology of the seabed and navigation channel, and then engage in consultations with Kuwait.

Since the State of Kuwait learned of the construction, it has requested, in numerous signed minutes between the two countries and official memorandums, to be provided with studies on the environmental impact and the effect on currents at the port of Faw and the breakwater. Unfortunately, to date, the Kuwaiti side has not been provided with such.

The Government of the State of Kuwait wishes you to be informed of this situation because of its potential negative repercussions for the region.

The Permanent Mission of Kuwait to the United Nations would be grateful if you could have this note verbale circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 77 (a), and published in the next Law of the Sea Bulletin.

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